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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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- (1) Request for Two-Month Extension of Time;
- (2) an executed Declaration; and
- (3) a check in the amount of \$120 (to cover the late oath or declaration surcharge and extension fee).

In addition, a Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal and Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts are also enclosed herewith.

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